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In accordance with his duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(a)-(b) applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit 1**) and are attached hereto:

1. Japanese Publication No. 56-46388, published April 27, 1981 (**Exhibit A**);
2. Japanese Publication No. 57-43230, published September 13, 1982 (**Exhibit B**);
3. Japanese Publication No. 59-175860, published October 4, 1984 (**Exhibit C**);
4. Japanese Publication No. 7-155128, published June 20, 1995 (**Exhibit D**);

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5. Japanese Publication No. 8-103240, published April 23, 1996 (**Exhibit E**);
6. Japanese Publication No. 2703179, published January 26, 1998 (**Exhibit F**); and
7. Japanese Publication No. 2003-18981, published January 21, 2003 (**Exhibit G**).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(I), applicant hereby provides a concise statement of the relevance, as it is presently understood, of each reference that is not in the English language.

The first five Japanese Publications listed above (Exhibits A-E) are disclosed in the body of the specification filed on December 11, 2003 along with statements of relevancy.

Applicant notes that an English abstract is supplied for each of the remaining Japanese Publications listed above (Exhibits F and G).

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